

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 06, 2005, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-20 and 25-36, drawn to a drill stem connection assembly and method, classified in class 166, subclass 166/77.51+.
- II. Claims 21-24, drawn to a tool holder assembly classified in class 175, subclass 320+.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-20 and 25-36. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 21-24 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6944 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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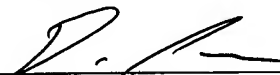
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